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"Don't mention it."

We are at least grateful for Kentucky and Virginia.

SILVER has been demonetized. So has Grover Cleveland.

MR. CLEVELAND did it with his little silver hatchet.

BEHOLD the wreck you have wrought, Mr. Cleveland!

THE COURIER is in a position to say: "We told you so."

We have met the enemy—but we'll not say anything about it.

THE Cleveland cholera played sad havoc with Democratic poultry last Tuesday.

SINCE the kicking he received last Tuesday Mr. Cleveland is taking his meals standing.

THE country, which was believed to be safe, has again gone to the dogs, and Republican dogs at that.

Too much Cleveland and too little Democracy is what gave the Democrats a black eye at Tuesday's elections.

It is to be hoped that the Democratic Waterloo of last Tuesday will have the good effect of bringing congress to its senses.

We are heartily glad there was not an election in Texas last Tuesday, for the Republicans would have probably carried that state, too.

THE Republicans and the grasshoppers also carried Kansas, hence the Sunflower state is still bleeding and seems entirely willing to be bled.

MR. CLEVELAND killed the hen that laid the silver egg, but her last litter brought forth a tremendous Republican majority by being hatched in a gold-bug incubator.

MR. CLEVELAND has at last been made to understand that he is not bigger than his party. But the Republican house had to be pushed clear over on him before he was made to realize "where he was at."

It was predicted a year ago that the Republican party was dead, but it proved to be a decidedly live corpse last Tuesday. We are trying to believe it was only making its last kick and has died hard—very hard.

WHEN men like John G. Carlisle, D. W. Voorhees and Rogers Q. Mills, who have been advocates of silver coinages all their lives, surrender to Wall street plutocracy, and worship at the shrine of gold-bugs, it is not strange that a political revolution should follow, for the people will repudiate such inconsistent statesmanship.

SINCE the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman law the New York City banks have published a statement showing that the banks, in that city, had \$49,000,000 lying idle in their vaults during the crisis. Forty-nine million dollars withdrawn from circulation at one time would create a money panic in any country.

THE maligners of Senator Vest have had nothing to say about his course in the United States senate since his return to the state. They have probably learned by this time that the people of Missouri are ignoring the senator's opposition to the president on the silver question.

A TERRIBLE explosion of an engine, drawing a freight train on the Iron Mountain railroad, occurred a short distance below St. Louis Saturday morning of last week. The engineer, fireman and a brakeman were instantly killed, and the engine completely demolished. The bodies of the unfortunate victims were blown 50 feet into the Mississippi river. The explosion is believed to have been caused by some defect in the engine which had just been taken out of the shops after being repaired.

HAD the present financial crisis been on under a Republican administration, the election of last Tuesday would have been as much of a Waterloo for the Republican party as it was for the Democrats.

EX-CONGRESSMAN A. W. BUCKNER, of Mexico, Mo., who for twelve years represented that district in congress, was prostrated by a stroke of paralysis Sunday morning while returning thanks at the breakfast table, and his recovery is doubtful. Mr. Buckner was considered one of the ablest Democratic representatives from this state while a member of congress.

AFTER some twenty-odd years of effort, W. H. Balthus, of the Huntville Herald, has signally failed at journalism and is forced to bark himself into a federal appointment to keep out of a less respectable almshouse than that of a little post-office. The editor of the COURIER can afford to smile at the antics of this sycophantic parasite.

THE Democrat-News, of Marshall, one of the leading Democratic newspapers of this state, says that if Mr. Cleveland is a Democrat, then God will have to help the Democratic party if it succeeds in accomplishing any good for the country. The Democrat-News thinks that Cleveland is only a cat's paw for the money-lenders of Wall street, and its head is about level on this point.

THE Spanish steamer, Caba Mirchicha, while laying at the wharf of Santander on the Mediterranean coast of that country Monday afternoon loaded with a cargo of merchandise, caught fire, and before the fire could be extinguished the flames communicated to a quantity of dynamite on board which caused a terrific explosion. More than 1,000 people were killed by the detonation, and the city of Santander was almost demolished.

THE good times that were so confidently predicted when the purchasing clause of the Sherman law was repealed have not made their appearance yet. The readers of the COURIER are not deceived, however, for we have been telling them all the time that the Sherman law was not responsible for the hard times. The facts are no one is deceived by these predictions but President Cleveland. The next president must be a western Democrat.

THOMAS H. EDWARDS, who for years was assessor of Jackson county and Kansas City, and who was at one time a wealthy and influential Republican politician, went to Harrisonville, Cass county, Monday and made a vicious attack on the cashier of the First National bank, at that place. It is supposed that his object was to rob the bank. Edwards, it is claimed, is demented. He is now in jail at Harrisonville.

THE polling places, at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, were the scenes of many disgraceful riots at Tuesday's election in that city. The police took forcible possession of the polls and proceeded in a shameful manner to intimidate the laboring classes who were disposed to vote against the Republican ticket. This of course led to many pitched battles between the Democrats and Republicans, which finally resulted in the closing of the polls.

AN express train on the Iron Mountain railroad was held up by seven masked men, near Batesville, Arkansas, Friday night of last week, and the express car rifled of its contents. After looting the safe the robbers went through the passenger car and compelled the passengers to turn over all their money and valuables. The amount secured is not known, but is supposed to be considerable. Five of the robbers have since been run down by blood hounds, and are now in jail.

SATURDAY night of last week the city council, of Chicago, met in the city hall for the purpose of electing a successor pro tem to the late Mayor Harrison. The Republicans were in the majority and elected James B. Swift. The Democratic members did not take to this very kindly, and the result was that a general fight was engaged in. The melee became so furious that a large squad of police had to be called in to restore order.

The Election.
The November elections for 1892 have come and gone, and left walling and confusion in the Democratic ranks. In fact it seems like a general Waterloo to everything in opposition to the Republican party. Even down in Massachusetts where Mr. Cleveland had distributed most of his Democratic patronage, the Republicans elected F. T. Greenhalge governor, over John E. Russel, his Democratic opponent, by 25,000 or 30,000.

In New York, where the Cleveland and Hill machines were supposed to be in perfect working order, the Republicans elected E. M. Bartlett judge of the court of appeals by over 100,000 plurality, and captured both branches of the legislature.

But it was left for New Jersey, which has been reliably Democratic for the last 20 or 30 years, to give the Democrats their most unexpected surprise by electing the entire Republican ticket in that state.

Ohio, where Cleveland was defeated last November by less than 200 votes, has re-elected Major McKinley, the Republican candidate for governor, over Neal, his Democratic competitor, by from 70,000 to 100,000 plurality.

In Iowa, where even the Republicans conceded Governor Boies's reelection by at least 10,000 or 12,000 plurality, F. D. Jackson, Republican, was elected by 32,000 plurality. The defeat of Boies becomes the more surprising when it was generally known that the Republicans at one time were seriously contemplating the withdrawal of Jackson and substituting another man in his place on account of Jackson's general bad character.

The unkindest cut of all occurred in Kansas, where the Populists were supposed to flourish as a green bay tree. The Republicans carried most every county in that state over the combined efforts of the "Pops" and Democrats, who had pooled their issues, with the expectation of having a walkover.

The great tidal wave seems not to have struck Pennsylvania as the Republicans only carried that state by their usual majorities.

Nebraska remained in line and elected the Populist ticket, but by very much decreased majorities. The states of Virginia and Kentucky, true to their Democratic instincts, voted their bourbon tickets by increased majorities.

This is the situation at present, and while it is indeed gloomy, it is by no means discouraging, for Democratic principles will ultimately prevail in this country, or as soon as Mr. Cleveland can be successfully, completely and finally sat upon.

THE COURIER has previously called attention to the fact that there was pending before the late extra session of congress a bill providing for the involuntary bankruptcy of a debtor. Congress has adjourned without passing it, but it may be called up at an early day in the regular session and enacted into a law. The bill provides for imprisonment of debtors when their property is not sufficient to meet their liabilities. This country is fast becoming one of the rich, by the rich and for the rich, and we would not be surprised at the enactment of any law that would suppress the poor and add a cubit to the stature of plutocracy.

It will probably be years before the tariff will ever be an issue in the current politics of the country again. The alliance of Mr. Cleveland and the Republican party makes tariff legislation, in our opinion, impossible. It has been positively asserted that the cotton mills in New England and iron works in Pennsylvania have made arrangements to shut down just as soon as congress commences to interfere with the present tariff. This, of course, will discourage the business relations of the country, and precipitate another crisis. To avoid such a calamity tariff legislation, it is now claimed, will have to be indefinitely postponed. Thus falls another Democratic idol under the Cleveland regime.

It would be a great relief to the country if President Cleveland would hasten the flush times he promised the people when the Sherman law was repealed. Two weeks have passed away since that event took place, and still public confidence is not restored. The St. Louis Republic ought to hold another meeting of the Merchants' exchange, in that city, and petition Mr. Cleveland to hurry up with his band wagon.

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THE befuddled, blundering editor of the Marcelline Signal reluctantly acknowledges to being "addled." Now if he will also plead guilty to being an idiot, all will be forgiven.

THE Kansas City Times has been reporting for some time that United States Senator George G. Vest had concluded to retire from public life. These declarations of the Times, coming to the notice of Senator Vest, were promptly and forcibly denied by the brilliant senator. From the tone of the rural press in this state the little giant will be apt to succeed himself in the United States senate for many years to come.

LONGFELLOW, one of the most famous race horses in America, died Monday afternoon at the Nantura stock farm, in Woodford county, Kentucky, from the effects of colic and old age. Longfellow was not only distinguished for his great speed and endurance, but also for the number and excellence of his offspring. He was, perhaps, the most celebrated race horse America ever produced.

THE indications are now that Whitten McDonald, business manager of the Kansas City Times, has been installed deputy president for the western district of Missouri. Of course he will appoint Webb Withers, of Kansas City, collector of internal revenue in this district. We regret the course things have taken, but the people will have to submit to the inevitable, and wait for a chance to get even.

WILLIAM P. HALL, a son of the late Judge William A. Hall, of Randolph county, and a brother of the redoubtable Riley, congressman from this district, has been appointed adjutant-general in the United States army, with the rank of captain, by Grover Cleveland. Captain Hall was the author of the famous letter of which the people heard so much during the Hall-Mansur contest last year.



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